

NEW JERSEY OF PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
APRIL 3, 2006
PUBLIC AGENDA MEETING MINUTES

The general meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Psychological Examiners was held at the Board office, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 9:34 A.M. by Victoria Jeffers, Chair.

PRESENT:

Victoria W. Jeffers, Ph.D., Chair
T. Stephen Patterson, Ph.D., Government Member
Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D., Secretary
Loretto A. Brickfield, Ph.D.
Evelyn A. Orozco, Ph.D.
Marina Maier, Public Member

ABSENT:

Kenneth G. Roy, Ed.D., Vice Chair

ALSO ATTENDING:

J. Michael Walker, Executive Director
Carmen A. Rodriguez, Deputy Attorney General, Counsel to Board
Wanda Smith, Secretarial Assistant
Carmella Volz, Assistant to the Executive Director
Celeste Sweeper, Marriage and Family Therapy

MINUTES:

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Brickfield, the Board approved the public session minutes of March 6, 2006, with corrections. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

CLOSED SESSION AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board voted unanimously to go into closed session for discussion of the oral examinations.

The Board returned to open session.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

TEMPORARY PERMIT–NOT TO EXCEED THREE YEARS

The following candidates were approved for a three-year temporary permit for the supervised practice of psychology:

Christina Klunder, Ph.D.
Erin McLaughlin, Ph.D.
Elan Karten, Ph.D.
Nydia Monagas, Psy.D.
Thomas Grace, Psy.D.
Heather Watson, Ph.D.

TEMPORARY PERMIT–NOT TO EXCEED ONE YEAR

The following candidates were approved for a one-year temporary permit for the unsupervised practice of psychology:

Deniz Colak, Ph.D.
Robert Izzo, Ph.D.
Keren Zlotnick, Ph.D.
Cornelius Furgueson, Ph.D.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thomas Schattner, Psy.D.

Dr. Schattner wrote requesting an extension of the 90-day limit to submit his work sample for the oral examination.

Dr. Schattner stated that he had changed jobs in September 2005 and had taken a six week furlough between mid December 2005 and February 1, 2006 in order to prepare for the E.P.P.P. written examination. Dr. Schattner further stated that taking a new job in a psychiatric unit impeded his ability to begin preparation of his work sample for submission.

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board voted to grant Dr. Schattner an additional 90 days to submit his work sample for the oral examination. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Christine Hudson, Ph.D.

Dr. Hudson wrote requesting an extension of the 90-day limit to submit her work sample for the oral examination.

Dr. Hudson stated that she is unable to perform any professional duties until after July 14, 2006 due to complications in her pregnancy.

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board voted to grant Dr. Hudson an additional 90 days to submit her work sample for the oral examination. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Philip D. Goldstein, Ph.D.

Dr. Goldstein wrote requesting an extension of the 90-day limit to submit his work sample for the oral examination.

Dr. Goldstein stated that because his parents recently came to live with him and his family, he has not been able to devote time in the preparation process for his work sample.

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board voted to grant Dr. Goldstein an additional 90 days to submit his work sample for the oral examination. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Monica J. Indart, Psy.D.

Dr. Indart wrote requesting an extension of her three-year temporary permit, supervised, that expires on April 26, 2006.

Dr. Indart stated that she has just completed her supervision hours and is scheduled to take the E.P.P.P. on March 30, 2006. Dr. Indart further stated that the extension of her permit would allow her time to receive her exam results and prepare a work sample for submission.

Upon motion made by Dr. Brickfield and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board voted to extend Dr. Indart's temporary permit for an additional year, expiring on April 26, 2007. Voting in favor of the motion: Drs. Jeffers, Patterson, Friedman, Brickfield and Ms. Maier. Dr. Orozco recused.

LaTeisha Mason Callender, Ph.D.

Dr. Callender wrote requesting that the Board once again reconsider her request to accept a work sample she submitted that was more than one year old.

Dr. Callender stated that the Board had made an error in the amount of supervision she accrued and later accepted the thirteen months of supervision.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board voted to uphold its previous decision to deny her request pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:42-5.1 (b) which states that a work sample must be "current." In addition, a review of Dr. Callender's file indicated that she was certified to take the E.P.P.P. on February 8, 2005. However, she did not take the exam until October 3, 2005, which is approximately seven and one-half months after the certificate date. Had she taken that written examination within the 60-day time frame that the testing service provides, the Board feels that she would have had ample time to prepare and submit a work sample. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB)

ASPPB informed all member Boards of the Call for Nominations for ASPPB Board of Directors, Fellows and Awards. Nominations are sought for the President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer and Member-at-Large positions on the Association's Board of Directors. ASPPB is also calling for nominations for ASPPB State and Provincial Service Award, the Norma P. Simon Award, the Ming Fisher Award, and for ASPPB Fellows.

Philip N. Sobel, President, NJ-AFCC

Mr. Sobel wrote requesting that the Board provide the New Jersey Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts with statistical information including the number of complaints filed annually, as well as the number of complaints in the field of forensic work performed in family/divorce matters. Dr. Sobel stated that this information would help aid his group in the continuing availability of qualified forensic psychologists to perform needed custody/parenting evaluations, and to serve the public as parent coordinators and mediators in the family law field.

Upon motion made by Dr. Friedman and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board voted to inform Mr. Sobel it does not keep the statistics he has requested. However, the Board informed Mr. Sobel that it is concerned that the ethics of the profession may not be compatible with the guidelines for Parenting Coordination, particularly with regard to confidentiality. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Fiscal Year 2006, Budget Report (1st Half)

Darlene Kane, Budget Analyst, Division of Consumer Affairs, reviewed with the Board its 2006 Expenditures . The Board accepted the data as informational.

REVIEW OF EXEMPTION NOTICE FORMS

Bancroft NeuroHealth

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status request from Michelle Fuerst.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:15B-6 (a)3, after review of the information provided in the continuation request and upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board determined

that Bancroft NeuroHealth is still considered an exempt facility. Ms. Fuerst was reminded, that in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to qualify for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Bacharach Institute for Rehabilitation

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status request from Richard Kathrins.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6 (a)3, after review of the information provided in the continuation request and upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Orozco, the Board determined that Bacharach Institute for Rehabilitation is still considered an exempt facility. Mr. Kathrins was reminded, that in order to continue exempt status, the agency is required to confirm annually that it continues to qualify for exempt status. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Youth Consultation Service

The Board reviewed a continuation of exemption status request from Gerard Costa, Ph.D.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6 (a)3, after review of the information provided in the continuation request and upon motion made by Dr. Orozco and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board determined that Youth Consultation Service does not satisfy the requirements for continuation at this time. The Board is requesting that Dr. Costa provide a mission statement demonstrating that they accept Medicaid and Medicare without restrictions. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

International Institute of New Jersey

The Board, at its March 6, 2006 meeting, reviewed a request for continuation of exemption status from Sara Kahn, LCSW, and determined that the Institute did meet the requirements for continued exemption.

However, staff brought to the Board's attention at this meeting that further review of the request indicated that they no longer have a licensed psychologist employed at the agency, which would then make them ineligible for continued exempt status.

Upon motion made by Dr. Patterson and seconded by Dr. Friedman, the Board voted to rescind its previous decision of continued exempt status and voted to deny exemption pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:42-1.3 (e)2, which states an agency must employ a New Jersey licensed psychologist. Voting in favor of the motion: all.

Respectfully yours,

Nancy E. Friedman, Ph.D.
Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Date:

Victoria W. Jeffers, Ph.D.
Chair